

Where Workers Can Get Help

Information About Lead in the Workplace

Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP)

Occupational Health Branch, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

OLPPP provides information on lead in the workplace as well as educational and training materials for workers, employers and health professionals in California.

OLPPP/OHB/CDPH
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 3rd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804

Call (866) 627-1587 for assistance or to request specific lead education and training materials (toll-free number for California callers). Leave a message in English or Spanish and a staff person will get back to you.

Information is also available on the website: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/ohb

Childhood Lead Poisoning Issues

Contact the **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch** of the California Department of Public Health at (510) 620-5600 or visit their website, www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb.

You can also call your local county health department (see government pages in the front of your phone book).

Information About Other Workplace Hazards

Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS)

Occupational Health Branch, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
California Department of Industrial Relations

Provides information on workplace health hazards to workers, employers and health professionals in California.

HESIS – Telephone Response System (TRS)
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 3rd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804

Toll-free numbers for California callers

(866) 282-5516 - for information about hazards in the workplace

(866) 627-1586 - to order specific HESIS publications

Website: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/ohb

National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) For information on workplace hazards, call the toll-free hot line, (800) 232-4636 or visit their website, www.cdc.gov/niosh; Spanish website: www.cdc.gov/spanish/niosh

State of California University-Based Occupational and Environmental Health Clinics

Many doctors do not have experience in treating patients with lead poisoning or other work-related health problems. Workers and their doctors who want to contact experts in **lead-related health effects** and other occupational and environmental health problems can contact the following clinics.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Irvine

Center for Occupational and
Environmental Health
University of California, Irvine
5201 California Ave., Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92617
(949) 824-8641

Los Angeles Area

UCLA Occupational/Env. Medicine Clinic
University of California, Los Angeles
100 UCLA Medical Plaza, Suite 723
Los Angeles, CA 90024-7027
(310) 794-8144

San Diego

Occupational Health Center
University of California, San Diego
330 Lewis Street, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92103
(619) 471-9210

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco Bay Area

University of California, San Francisco
Occupational Health Services
2380 Sutter, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 885-7580

Sacramento/Davis Area

Occupational Medicine Clinic
University of California, Davis
Clinics in Davis and Sacramento
(530) 754-7635 - consultation and
appointments
(530) 752-1281 - employer-based medical
services

**For a complete list of independent occupational and environmental health clinics
contact:**

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
1010 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 513
Washington, D.C. 20005
Toll free: (888) 347-2632 or (202) 347-4976
Website: www.aoec.org

Workplace Health and Safety Regulations

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, also known as Cal/OSHA California Department of Industrial Relations

Cal/OSHA enforces workplace health and safety regulations, including the lead regulations, in California. If you think there is a lead hazard or other health and safety hazard at your job, you can call Cal/OSHA and ask for an inspection. Cal/OSHA will not tell your employer who made the call. **For information or to ask for an inspection (file a complaint), contact one of the Cal/OSHA offices listed below.** To locate the office nearest your workplace using your zip code, visit www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/DistrictOffices.htm. For a web-based complaint form you can mail or fax, go to: www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/WorkersPage.htm.

Cal/OSHA office locations and telephone numbers in California

OFFICE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Headquarters:	1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland 94612	(510) 286-7000
Northern California		
Chico	1367 East Lassen Ave, Suite B-4, Chico 95973	(530) 895-4761
Concord	1450 Enea Circle, Suite 525, Concord 94520	(925) 602-6517
Eureka	619 Second Street, Room 109, Eureka 95501	(707) 445-6611
Foster City	1065 East Hillsdale Blvd, Suite 110, Foster City 94404	(650) 573-3812
Fremont/San Jose	39141 Civic Center Drive, Suite 310, Fremont 94538	(510) 794-2521
Oakland	1515 Clay Street, Suite 1301, Oakland 94612	(510) 622-2916
Redding	381 Hemsted Drive, Redding 96002	(530) 224-4743
Sacramento	2424 Arden Way, Suite 165, Sacramento 95825	(916) 263-2800
San Francisco	121 Spear Street, Suite 430, San Francisco 94105	(415) 972-8670
Santa Rosa	1221 Farmers Lane, Suite 300, Santa Rosa 95405	(707) 576-2388
Central California		
Fresno	2550 Mariposa Street, Room 4000, Fresno 93721	(559) 445-5302
Modesto	1209 Woodrow Ave., Suite C-4, Modesto 95350	(209) 576-6260
Southern California		
Los Angeles	320 West 4 th Street, Room 850, Los Angeles 90013	(213) 576-7451
Monrovia/Pico Rivera	750 Royal Oaks Drive, Suite 104, Monrovia 91016	(626) 256-7913
San Bernardino	464 West 4 th Street, Suite 332, San Bernardino 92401	(909) 383-4321
San Diego	7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 207, San Diego 92108	(619) 767-2280
Santa Ana/Anaheim	2000 East McFadden Ave., Suite 122, Santa Ana 92705	(714) 558-4451
Torrance/South Bay	680 Knox Street, Suite 100, Torrance 90502	(310) 516-3734
Van Nuys	6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 405, Van Nuys 91401	(818) 901-5403
Ventura	1000 South Hill Road, Suite 110, Ventura 93003	(805) 654-4581
West Covina	1906 W. Garvey Ave. South, Suite 200, West Covina 91790	(626) 472-0046

Federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration (Fed/OSHA)

Has jurisdiction over individuals who work for the federal government or on federal government property. It also covers maritime workers.

(800) 475-4019 - for information or technical assistance

(800) 475-4020 - to file a complaint

OSHA Internet Worker Page: www.osha.gov/as/opa/worker

Spanish Worker Page: www.osha.gov/as/opa/spanish

Environmental Regulations

Most environmental regulations are stricter than occupational health regulations. Steps taken to lower environmental emissions may help to lower workplace exposures. You may want to contact your county Environmental Health Department or the Air Resources Board office in Sacramento for more information. See the county and state government sections near the front of the telephone book for the address and telephone numbers.

Other Lead Information

The **National Lead Information Center**. Provides extensive information about lead poisoning prevention. Persons calling the hotline can request a packet in English or Spanish with information on lead-safe work practices and how to protect children from lead poisoning. The Center also has information specialists who can provide answers to specific questions. Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Toll free hotline: (800) 424-5323

EPA lead information website: www.epa.gov/lead/

Lead-Related Construction Training Certification

Lead Accreditation and Certification Unit, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, California Department of Public Health.

This state government program is responsible for providing training certification for lead-related construction in categories of worker, supervisor (contractor), inspector/assessor, project monitor and designer. It also accredits (approves) the training programs. **For information on how to become certified, a list of current accredited training programs, or a list of certified individuals** contact them at:

850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 3rd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804

Information Line: (800) 597-5323
Outside California: (510) 620-5600

Information is also available on their website at: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb.

Labor Unions

AFL-CIO

Has a workplace health and safety section on its website with a variety of topics for workers including safety and health rights, how to file an OSHA complaint, safety and health factsheets and links to other health and safety sites.

www.aflcio.org/issues/safety/tools/

Labor Organizations

Many unions have important health and safety materials related to specific jobs. Look in the Yellow Pages of the phone book under "Labor Organizations." If the *local union office* for your job does not have the materials you need, ask them to put you in touch with the *international union office*, which may have additional resources.

State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

For information about health and safety in the building and construction trades.

1225 - 8th Street, Suite 375
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 443-3302

Worker Training, Workplace Health and Safety, Workers' Rights – Local Groups

Worksafe

Provides technical assistance and advice on occupational health and safety issues for California workers.

Email: worksafe@worksafe.org
(510) 302-1027 Fax: (510) 663-5132
171 – 12th Street, 3rd Floor
Oakland, CA 94607
Website: www.worksafe.org

Labor Occupational Health Program, University of California, Berkeley

Provides training, publications, films, and technical assistance on occupational health and safety issues for Northern California.

2223 Fulton Street, 4th floor
Berkeley, CA 94720
(510) 642-5507 • www.lohp.org

Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

Provides training, publications, films, and technical assistance on occupational health and safety issues for Southern California.

Peter V. Ueberroth Building, Suite 2107
10945 Le Conte Ave. Box 951478, Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 794-5964 • www.losh.ucla.edu

Worker Training, Workplace Health and Safety, Workers' Rights – Local Groups, con't.

Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (SoCal COSH)
Provides training, information and advice on health and safety issues.

1000 N Alameda Street Suite 240
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 346-3277
Fax: (213) 808-1009
Email: socalcosh@gmail.com
www.socalcosh.org

Workers' Compensation / Personal Injury Information

If you suffer from a work-related illness or injury you are eligible for workers' compensation benefits and medical care. In addition, you may also have a reason to file a lawsuit.

Information about your right to workers' compensation benefits and medical care:

Workers' Compensation Office

To locate the address and telephone number of the Workers' Compensation office nearest you, look in the state government section near the front of the telephone book under "**California State of, Industrial Relations Department of, Division of Workers' Compensation, Information and Assistance**" or call (800) 736-7401.

Website: www.dir.ca.gov/DWC

Private Attorney

You may also want to contact a workers' compensation lawyer and a personal injury lawyer to make sure you are informed of all of your legal rights regarding work-related health problems.

To find **workers' compensation attorneys** in your area, call the California Applicants' Attorneys Association at (800) 459-1400 or visit www.caaa.org. Enter your zip code in the "attorney search" box at the top of the page.

To obtain the names of **personal injury attorneys** in your area, call your county Bar Association lawyer referral service. Look under "Lawyer Referral Service" or "Bar Association" in your local phone book.

Workers' Legal Rights: Wages, Hours, Wrongful Firings, Discrimination - State Enforcement Agency

State Labor Commissioner

If you believe that you are not being treated in accordance with your employment rights, you may file a complaint with the State Labor Commissioner. You will be advised of your rights and obligations, and will be provided assistance in preparing your complaint.

To locate the address and telephone number of the office nearest you, call:

San Francisco - Headquarters
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 9th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 703-4810

Website: www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/DistrictOffices.htm

OR: Look in the state government section near the front of the telephone book under "California State of, Industrial Relations Department of, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement."

Legal Representation - Workers' Rights, Employment Rights, Wrongful Firings, Discrimination

Employment Law Unit at the Legal Aid Foundation, Los Angeles

Provides legal representation and counsel to day labor workers about employment rights and workplace related complaints.

(213) 487-3320 or (213) 640-3881
(800) 399-4529

Employment Law Center, San Francisco

Offers free legal advice to workers on health and safety, discrimination and other employment issues in Spanish and English.

600 Harrison Street, Suite 120
San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 864-8848

Asian Law Caucus

Provides free legal assistance to Asian workers.

55 Columbus Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 896-1701
www.asianlawcaucus.org

Legal Representation - Workers' Rights, con't.

Chinese for Affirmative Action

Provides assistance and referrals for Asian workers on legal rights and other workplace issues.

17 Walter U. Lum Place
San Francisco, CA 94108
(415) 274-6750

Instituto Laboral de la Raza

Provides assistance and referrals for Spanish-speaking and other workers on legal rights and other workplace issues.

San Francisco
2947 -16th Street,
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 431-7522

Email: info@ilaboral.org

Website: www.ilaboral.org

Spanish website: www.ilaboral.org/indexb-sp.html

For legal help regarding employment issues in other areas of California

Look in your local phone book under:

“Legal Aid Society”

“Lawyer Referral Service” or

“Bar Association”